

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2816

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Jason Lewis (BY REQUEST)**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to Proposition 2 1/2 override questions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John DeGeorge

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

148 Franklin St., Stoneham, MA 02180

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2869 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROPOSITION 2 1/2 UNDERRIDE QUESTIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1: Section 21C of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws is amended by adding the following—  
2 “Upon receipt of a petition signed by five hundred (500) certified registered voters, the Board of Selectmen shall  
3 place a Proposition 2 ½ Underride Question, for the dollar amount specified in the petition, on an election ballot by  
4 no later than the next scheduled Annual Town Election; or sooner if a special or other appropriate election is  
5 scheduled before then. The amount specified in a petition shall not exceed the greater of either 2 ½% of the total  
6 current fiscal year budget amount, or as applicable, 50% of the override amount, appropriated for the current fiscal  
7 year. If multiple petitions are submitted prior to any of the aforementioned scheduled elections the dollar amount  
8 for the Underride Question shall be taken from the petition the specifies the highest amount. There shall be no limit  
9 on the number of times that a petition my be presented for Board of Selectmen action; however, the petition must be  
10 received by the Board of Selectmen at least fifty (50) calendar days before a scheduled election date. This Act shall  
11 go into effect on the date of approval.”